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Messrs. Thomas F. Ahrensfield
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Re: Dr. Richard J. Hickey

Gentlemen:

Dr. Richard Hickey has submitted a research proposal with alternative budgets for the 1980 calendar year. Budget A (\$76,479.00) and Budget B (\$81,036.00) differ in that the latter provides for additional payments to two consultants, Evelyn Bowers and Anne Clelland, based upon their increased commitment. The inflation factor used by Dr. Hickey in the proposal for 1980 is approximately 10.6 percent.

The scope of Dr. Hickey's proposal is similar to the studies of 1979 with one additional objective:

"To explain the biological basis for observed correlations between smoking, coffee drinking, and alcohol consumption behaviors, and to caution against attributing to smoking alone the associated statistical and biological effects of coffee and alcohol."

During this past year Dr. Hickey published in two journals and has a third publication "in press." He plans to prepare two publications related to infant health, one on the "CO-COHb-birth

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weight-infant health problem" and the other on paternal and maternal smoking and their relation to birth weight and infant health.

We recommend approval of Dr. Hickey's proposed Budget E in the sum of \$81,036.00. C.T.R. has been advised of the proposal and feels that it is worthy of support as a special project.

Please advise me of your decision as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,


David K. Hardy

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cc: Ms. Janet C. Brown
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